

Dear Students,

Chowan University aims to help provide students, staff, and faculty the resources they need to stay healthy, and to support any community member who falls ill. We expect that, in turn, community members will monitor their own health and act in ways that help others do the same.

We have invited our international students to return to campus early to self-isolate prior to the start of the semester. Given the increase of COVID 19 cases throughout the country, we are also requesting our students throughout the United States to self-monitor for at least 10 days prior to coming to campus. **During self-monitor, you are asked to wear a face mask in public, limit your interactions with others, and wash your hands often.**

When you arrive on campus, you will be required to participate in a health screening before you [check-in](#). The screening will include having your temperature checked and answer pertinent questions. The Chowan community will be expected to complete a daily self-health screening prior to attending classes, or beginning your day on campus.

Chowan University's COVID-19 policy follows recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the state of North Carolina and local health providers as our general guidance. The policy is set forth to meet minimum threshold requirements for general campus, day-to-day experiences. Where applicable, more stringent requirements will be communicated via signage or university personnel in areas in which potential risk of exposure or infection of COVID-19 are greater. Responsibility to follow the university policies fall to individual faculty, staff, students, and campus guest in order to promote a good social order with mutual care and respect for others.

Students will be required to sign the community compact, *Chowan Strong- Safer Together*. The compact is our agreement to care for self, others and this place. In addition, students will be given two face masks during check-in. Face masks are required in all public spaces.

In an effort to better meet the needs of our students, the Wellness Center has extended its hours from 9 am – 4 pm when classes are in session. Focused health and safety initiatives will be promoted through the Wellness Center and other campus departments. Campus-wide training will be held to further educate our campus community about individual and shared healthcare responsibilities.

We realize the needs of individuals may differ from those of our collective community. Should anyone need a special accommodation for an underlying medical condition, we will work to assist in meeting that need where possible. Students with an accommodation request should contact Dr. Ella Benson, Dean of Accessibility Services ([bensoe@chowan.edu](mailto:bensoe@chowan.edu)).

Sincerely,

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